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Woman addicted to booze wrongly fired: Adjudicator

HUMAN RIGHTS

Alcoholism is a disability, needs accommodation, report says

A health-care aide's alcohol addiction qualifies as a disability, and her employer was wrong to fire her for drinking off the job, a Manitoba human rights adjudicator has ruled.

Linda Horrocks is entitled to be reinstated, receive three years back pay and an additional \$10,000 for injury to her dignity, independent adjudicator Sherri Walsh said in a report released Tuesday.

Horrocks was suspended from work at a personal care home in Flin Flon run by the Northern Regional Health Authority in June 2011 after a co-worker complained that she was drunk at work, according to evidence presented at the human rights board hearing.

She signed an agreement that

allowed her to return to work on several conditions, including that she abstain from alcohol both on and off the job and seek counselling.

Horrocks was fired a year later when her employer received two reports that she had been drinking outside of work.

Horrocks denied consuming alcohol and said she had been undergoing addiction counseling. She eventually filed a complaint with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission.

The regional health authority told the hearing that it had tried to accommodate Horrocks, but also needed to protect the safety of people in the health-care system.

Walsh ruled that alcohol addiction amounts to a disability under the human rights code. She also ruled the health authority failed to accommodate Horrocks' disability because it did not seek advice from experts in drawing up conditions for her return to work in 2011.

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Vinyl making a comeback

MUSIC

Huge record and CD sale runs Oct. 18 at Victoria Inn

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Metro | Winnipeg

Jeremy Dalman can easily put thousands of songs on his iPhone, but when he sits down to listen to music, he's spinning vinyl.

"I like having the physical copy of the album rather than just having it on my phone or laptop," said 19-year-old Dalman, who was shopping for vinyl records at Blaine's music and book store on Saturday.

Dalman is just one of many contributing to a resurgence in interest and sales of vinyl records in Winnipeg and across North America.

"The resurgence continues unabated," said Blaine McVety, owner of Blaine's. "We're seeing more and more of the young folks, and then when the older folks realize it's back, they get excited and pull their turntables out."

"It's the ritual of listening to music as opposed to just pushing buttons on a phone. You take the record out and listen to side

one and turn it over and listen to side two.

"It makes the music more important, somehow."

People who only buy singles miss out on listening to an entire album as a piece of music and miss out on the pictures and artwork that come with the record, said McVety.

"In many cases, the albums were put together with that intent. There's a story to tell."

McVety will have two tables of records for sale at the upcoming Rockin' Richards Record & CD Sale.

The sale has happened twice a year for the last 15 years.

Organizers Alex Reid and Richard Sturtz say it is now the second largest of its kind in Canada.

The focus of the sale will be vinyl records; more than 80,000 will fill the room.

The records and the people who come to the sale are both reasons to check it out, said Reid.

"It's one of the greatest people-watching events you could ever go to, and you get everything from teenagers to little old grannies," said Reid.

"And you have 15-year-old kids, but they're looking for bands like The Doors and Pink Floyd."

The sale happens Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Victoria Inn at 1808 Wellington Ave. Admission is \$5, but kids 12 and under get in free.

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Alex Reid



Jeremy Dalman and Travis Leost say they are big fans of records. Dalman says he prefers listening to them rather than using his phone. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

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CRIME

Man arrested over dragging of officer

Police have arrested the man they say dragged a city police officer behind his car after failing a breathalyzer outside last Saturday's Bombers game.

Officers at a check stop set up on Waverley Street near Lake Crest Road gave the driver of a Buick Century a breathalyzer test around 8:30 p.m. Police say that after he failed, the driver sped off, dragging an officer behind him on the roadway. The officer was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

After his car crashed into a meridian, the driver abandoned the car in the 1200 block of Chancellor Drive and fled on foot.

Gregory Blaine Martin, 42,



Gregory Blaine Martin, 42

was arrested on Wednesday afternoon after police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant and released a description of the man. Police originally believed he may have fled to Alberta. METRO



Police say a teen threw an X-Acto knife at a peer in shop class at Westdale Junior High School on Monday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

CHARLESWOOD

Stabbing blamed on student 'horseplay'

Police say "horseplay" is to blame for a stabbing at a Charleswood school Monday that sent one student to hospital.

Police and emergency crews were called to Westdale Junior High School around 2:20 p.m. after police say a 14-year-old boy threw an X-Acto knife toward another 14-year-old boy in shop class. Reports from the scene say

it stuck into his chest.

The victim was taken to hospital in unstable condition and was later upgraded to stable.

The suspect was taken into custody, but police say no charges will be laid.

"It has been determined that the incident was not criminal in nature," reads a statement from police. METRO

TRAVEL

Weekly flights to London will bring new jobs to airport

 **Shane Gibson**
Metro | Winnipeg

The announcement itself wasn't a surprise, but the fare caused a collective gasp.

WestJet officially confirmed Tuesday they will start offering year-round direct flights from

Winnipeg and other major Canadian cities to London's Gatwick airport in May.

While the low-cost carrier's big announcement was scooped by media Monday, it still had one card up its sleeve: how much would a ticket cost?

It was the fare — \$279 one-way, with tax and services included — that caused an audible gasp among those gathered for the announcement.

"It's an introductory price; it's intended to generate demand," said Rocky Wiggins, WestJet's executive vice-president and chief information officer, who couldn't say

what the regular price for tickets will be or when they'll go into effect. "But ... it's not like it's going to go up to where the competition is."

Included in the introductory push is an offer for travellers from outside Winnipeg to get here through WestJet for a flight to London for an extra \$20, and that excites Winnipeg

Airports Authority president and CEO Barry Rempel.

"It makes us a connecting point and more of a hub," he said. "What ends up happening is if we get 20 people from Regina, 30 people from Thunder Bay all connecting in Winnipeg, it creates and justifies more flights."

"It also helps with our ancillary revenues, selling pop, chips and access to the lounge."

Rempel couldn't put an exact number on what sort of economic benefits the flights will bring to the airport but did say they'll create seven to 10 new jobs right off the top.



Winnipeg Airports Authority president and CEO Barry Rempel speaks during the announcement Tuesday of a new low-cost option over the Atlantic. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

WestJet will fly 'Peg to Big Ben for \$279

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Academy Road business owner Lindsey Steek is against the new development. DAVE BAXTER/METRO WINNIPEG

Disputed clinic plan progresses

ACADEMY ROAD

Dermatology business not right fit for area say residents

 **Dave Baxter**
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A controversial development plan for Academy Road cleared a hurdle at city hall on Tuesday, but those opposed to it say they won't let up the fight. The city's property and development committee approved the zoning agreement for a proposed dermatology clinic that would be built at the corner of Academy Road and Lindsay Street.

A number of residents and businesses say the building is too large for the lot it would go on, doesn't match the character of the area, and the amount of people that will come to it on a daily basis will cause traffic and

parking headaches.

"It's a huge footprint on a small piece of property," said Lindsey Steek, the owner of Lindsey Steek and Company, which sits at 486 Academy Rd. just next to the proposed development.

"Academy Road is not designed for that. It is not Corydon. It is not Grant. It is primarily residential." Steek believes about 100 people will visit the clinic every day.

Some homes and businesses have set up signs with the words "Transparency on Academy Road" and direct people to a Facebook page and a petition opposing the development. It has about 800 signatures.

The development still needs to pass through more hurdles at city hall, and Steek and others say they have hired a lawyer, and will appeal any city hall approvals moving forward.

"We're optimistic that at some point our voices should and will be heard."

Steek said more than 20 businesses on Academy Road oppose the development.

IN BRIEF

Apparent human remains found along Red River

Police are expected to investigate what are believed to be human teeth found along the Red River in Winnipeg.

A member of the group, Drag the Red, discovered Monday what appear to be four teeth on the riverbank in the central part of the city. Kyle Kematch, a search

organizer who came across the apparent remains was professionally advised that the objects could be human and was urged to report them to police.

Drag the Red was formed to find clues that may lead to the discovery of other missing or murdered indigenous women.

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EDUCATION

Trustee punished for worker harassment

A trustee with one of Manitoba's largest school divisions has been barred from attending board meetings for 30 days after an investigation found he had harassed a division employee. Mike Babinsky of the Winnipeg School Division must also make a formal apology to the worker, enter mediation if the employee wishes, and take respectful workplace or anger management training.

The unidentified employee

had complained to the division about ongoing intimidation and humiliation — allegations that prompted the board to bring in a third party to investigate.

A report released by the board on Monday says Babinsky's behaviour included making comments through emails, in trustee meetings and in conversation, which breached the division's harassment prevention policy.

A motion passed by trustees

“It's disrespectful to abuse authority and I hope trustee Babinsky has learned from this.”

Division chairman
Mark Wasyliw

mandates that Babinsky not attend meetings between Oct. 5

and Nov. 2. It also requires him to complete the three other stipulations before year's end.

"Trustees are held to a high standard," said division chairman Mark Wasyliw.

"It's disrespectful to abuse authority and I hope Trustee Babinsky has learned from this situation."

Wasyliw also said the board will work with Babinsky to resolve the conflict.

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Harper riding high on surprise surplus

ELECTION 2015

But campaign stumbles over another Tory behaving badly

Stephen Harper was hanging 10 on the crest of a surprise budget surplus Tuesday, showing off his fiscal bona fides as the federal election campaign prepared to convene in Calgary to debate the state of the Canadian economy.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing for the Conservatives: yet another would-be Tory MP took a tumble over inappropriate comments on social media.

Newfoundland and Labrador candidate Blair Dale was dropped over Facebook comments that were "incompatible with our party," said a spokesman.

Dale is the sixth Conservative to be shown the door since the campaign began Aug. 2.

Harper had a little spring in his step in Vancouver as he boasted about Finance Department numbers that show a \$1.9-billion surplus in 2014-15 where once there was a predicted \$2-billion shortfall.

Back on one of his favourite talking points, the prime minister mocked the fiscal-management chops of both Rachel Notley, Alberta's new NDP premier, and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau has criticized the surplus as the product of failing to spend adequately on vulnerable Canadians — an accusation the Conservatives deny.

The surplus was achieved



Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks to supporters during a campaign stop in North Vancouver, Tuesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

in part by departments underspending their budgets by \$8.7 billion — a tactic known as lapsed funding and one deplored by critics as spending cuts by stealth. The Conservatives had budgeted for \$7.2 billion in lapsed funding but wound up with \$1.5 billion more than anticipated.

Trudeau was in a contested southwestern Ontario riding Tuesday to promise \$750 million for skilled-trades funding.

"You've seen your personal debt rising as your job prospects sink. You want to seek out better opportunities but you can't access the training you need," Trudeau told supporters and apprentices at a



WHERE THE LEADERS ARE WEDNESDAY



- **Stephen Harper** has no public events.
- **Justin Trudeau's** itinerary was unavailable.
- **Tom Mulcair** has no public events.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Guelph, Ont.

local plumber and pipefitter's union.

"Stephen Harper doesn't know what that's like. When he was first elected, Windows

95 was still two years away ... (and) the cutting-edge way to apply for a job was to send in your resumé by fax."

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INFLUENCE PEDDLING

Ruling delayed in trial of PM's former aide

A judge has reserved her decision in the case of Bruce Carson, a former top aide to the prime minister who is charged with influence peddling.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Bonnie Warkentin told the court she will announce Oct. 2 when she plans to release her ruling.

Crown prosecutor Jason Nicol said he expected the decision to be brought down anywhere from a few days after that procedural hearing to the beginning of November.

As his two-day hearing wrapped up Tuesday, Carson's

lawyer said his client worked in 2010 and 2011 to help an Ottawa company sell water-treatment systems for First Nations communities.

"There's no question about that," Patrick McCann said.

But nothing in the Criminal Code prevented Carson from doing that, said McCann. He stressed that his client was lobbying First Nations communities, not the federal government, to purchase water-purification equipment from a firm known as H2O Pros and H2O Global, where his girlfriend at the time, a former

It was entirely up to the aboriginal bands.

Patrick McCann

escort, was employed.

McCann also conceded that Carson clearly held sway with the Harper government. Carson was a senior adviser to the prime minister from the time the Conservatives first took office in 2006 until he left the post in 2008.

"There's no question that my client was motivated to help H2O and, by extension, his girlfriend," McCann told the judge. But that, McCann said, was irrelevant.

He pointed to a protocol for procurement of goods by First Nations, developed in 2009, which he said made clear that aboriginal communities exercise control over what they buy and how they buy. "It was entirely up to the aboriginal bands" to determine whether to buy water-purification systems and from whom to buy, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ELECTION 2015

May a-twitter over debate exclusion

Elizabeth May is not letting the lack of an invitation keep her out of Thursday's election debate on the economy.

The Green party leader plans to muscle her way into the conversation — at least online — with the help of Twitter.

The party is teaming up with the social-media company to swiftly film and tweet May's video responses to statements by the three invited leaders.

The Globe and Mail newspaper has asked Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau to discuss economic issues Thursday evening at Calgary's Stampede Park.

May and her team will be hunkered down in a Victoria church with Twitter's Steve Ladurantaye, creating a steady

stream of video remarks, re-torts and reality checks.

The exclusion led Twitter's Ladurantaye — a former Globe and Mail reporter, as it happens — to suggest a parallel digital debate, an approach he took in Britain last March with the Scottish National Party.

"You don't need to wait to be invited to something anymore. If you want to be part of it, you can be part of it," Ladurantaye said.

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You don't need to wait to be invited to something anymore.

Steve Ladurantaye

AMBER ALERT

Suspect held, but child still missing

RCMP in southern Alberta say they have arrested a suspect in the killing of a father and the abduction of his two-year-old daughter, but they still don't know where the toddler is.

Supt. Tony Hamori wouldn't name the 22-year-old man who was arrested in Blairmore on Tuesday because no charges have been laid.

The search was still on for Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette, who officers believe was taken from her Crowsnest Pass home in a white van early Monday morning. Her 27-year-old father, Terry Blanchette, was found dead in the home, and police believe his death was a homicide.

"To my knowledge, that per-

son has been arrested in association (with) both the homicide and the disappearance of Hailey," Hamori said at a news conference. He said the suspect is a resident of the town, 220 kilometres southwest of Calgary near the boundary between Alberta and British Columbia.

RCMP say they have found a van that could be associated with the investigation but have not called off the search for the suspect vehicle.

Blanchette, who worked as a cook in a restaurant and was described as a doting father by friends and his boss, had many criminal convictions between 2010 and 2012.

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IN BRIEF

Court dismisses Tories' appeal regarding niqabs at citizenship ceremonies

The courts handed the Harper government another policy rebuke Tuesday when the Federal Court of Appeal quashed its attempts to ban face coverings at citizenship ceremonies.

But the Conservative campaign vowed to fight back, saying uncovered faces at such ceremonies were "consistent with Canadian values of openness, social cohesion and equality."

The latest chapter in

the Conservatives' battle with the courts unfolded Tuesday when the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed the government's appeal of an earlier Federal Court ruling that said banning face coverings at such ceremonies was unlawful.

On Tuesday, the three justices ruled from the bench, saying they wanted to proceed quickly so that Zunera Ishaq, the woman who initially challenged the ban, can obtain citizenship in time to vote in the Oct. 19 federal election.

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Mom taking 'leap of faith'

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Albertan denied prescription for daughter turns to Ontario clinic

An Alberta mother whose daughter has severe epilepsy has travelled to Ontario for a medical marijuana prescription after the girl's doctor said he was no longer allowed to provide permission to purchase the product.

In 2013, Sarah Wilkinson had started extracting cannabis oil from dried marijuana — purchased from a licensed grower with a prescription from a neurologist at Alberta Children's Hospital — to prevent life-threatening seizures in her eight-year-old daughter Mia.

But in July, the physician declined to renew the prescription because of a hospital policy based on the position of Alberta Health

Services, the provincial health authority, which does not support the use of medical marijuana for pediatric patients with epilepsy.

Wilkinson said the cannabis oil is the only therapy that has worked to stop Mia's seizures, caused by a rare type of epilepsy called Ohtahara syndrome.

Despite taking 30 to 40 anti-convulsive pills daily, Mia would suffer up to 100 seizures a day, said her mother. But since starting daily doses of oral cannabis oil 19 months ago, she has not had a single seizure.

On Monday, Mia was seen by a doctor at the Canadian Cannabis Clinic in St. Catharines, Ont., and left with a prescription for dried marijuana, which her mother can fill from a federally licensed producer after returning to their Airdrie, Alta., home.

"It's a big relief. I don't have to worry about when I run out of her meds," said her mother, who had been worried about

her dwindling supply of medical-grade marijuana purchased with the initial prescription.

Wilkinson said she turned to cannabis because nothing else was helping her child, whose seizures could be so severe she would stop breathing and have to be resuscitated and rushed to hospital.

"I really took a big leap of faith with that," she said of the can-

nabis oil, adding that within 24 hours of the first dose, Mia's seizures had completely stopped.

For Mia, tetrahydrocannabinol, or TH, appears to be the ingredient in marijuana that controls her seizures.

Without the treatment, "we would have waited for the next big seizure and she would have died. There's not a really nice way to say that." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mother Sarah Wilkinson has been using prescribed cannabis oil to prevent life-threatening seizures in her eight-year-old daughter Mia. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ECONOMY

Importers explore new sourcing ideas

Economic challenges in China appear to be putting pressure on Canadian companies to search for other countries to source some of their goods.

"For the first time in almost a decade, we have heard customers say they are going back to older sources (of goods)," says Robert Cutler, CEO of Delmar International, a shipping company.

Canadian customers are closely watching China's economic slowdown, currency devaluation and stock market volatility.

The fall of the renminbi has cut the value of foreign investments in the world's second-largest economy.

Cutler said the Chinese government has a history of moving swiftly to adjust to challenges, making it difficult to forecast how conditions will settle.

While China will likely remain a dominant manufacturing centre for consumer goods, he added that companies are increasingly looking at alternatives in Asia, the Indian subcontinent and

CHINA WOES

The renminbi has dropped to its lowest level since mid-2011, reducing the cost of Chinese-made goods.

About 20 per cent of Canada's imports came from the Asia-Pacific region last year, with about half — or \$58.6 billion — shipped from China, according to Industry Canada.

Latin America.

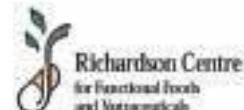
"The whole trick (for importers) is to keep their supply chain well-oiled and stuff in the pipeline. They don't want that pipeline to stop flowing," he said.

Chinese imports to Canada have been growing, but imports from other low-cost countries — including Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia — have seen their exports grow even faster, including in the first six months of 2015.

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Hungary declares state of emergency

EUROPEAN CRISIS

Migrants detained as border with Serbia sealed

Declaring a state of emergency, Hungary sealed off its southern border with Serbia on Tuesday and detained those trying to enter illegally, aiming to shut down the flow of migrants pouring in. Chaos ensued at the border, as hundreds of migrants piled up in a no man's land, and Serbian officials reacted with outrage.

Stuck for an unknown amount of time on a strip of road between the two countries' checkpoints, those fleeing violence in their homelands pitched tents and settled in. But frustrations were on the rise. As a police helicopter hovered above, migrants chanted "Open the border!" and shouted insults at Hungarian riot police. Some refused food and water in protest.

With a razor-wire fence completed along the Serbian border, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said Hungary now also plans to extend the fence for "a reason-

able distance" along its border with Romania. Both Serbian and Romanian governments decried Hungary's moves.

"Raising a fence between two EU member states who are strategic partners is not a fair gesture from a political point of view, according to the European spirit," Romania's Foreign Ministry said.

Serbia's foreign minister declared it was "unacceptable" that migrants were being sent back from Hungary while more and more were arriving from Macedonia and Greece.

"(Serbia) wants to be part of the solution, not collateral damage. There will have to be talks in the coming days with Brussels and other countries," Ivica Dacic said in Prague.

The turmoil at the Hungarian-Serbian border came a day after the 28-nation bloc failed to come up with a united immigration policy at a contentious meeting in Brussels. The ministers did agree to share responsibility for 40,000 people seeking refuge in overwhelmed Italy and Greece and spoke hopefully of reaching an eventual deal — next month or by the end of the year — on which EU nations would take 120,000 more refugees, includ-

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ing some from Hungary.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Austria called Tuesday for a special European Union summit next week to discuss the continent's immigration crisis.

Hungary, however, was not



People look through a border fence between Serbia and Hungary, Tuesday. Serbian and Romanian governments have decried Hungary's actions. ZOLTAN MATHE/MTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

pinning its hopes on any action soon from Brussels or its neighbours. Tuesday's state of emer-

gency in two southern regions gave authorities greater powers to deal with the crisis, allowing them to shut down roads and speed up asylum court cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXODUS

Concerns raised over whether militants among border-crossers

When the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant lost control of a key crossroads town in northern Syria in June, some militants shed their jihadi garb and blended in with the flood of Syrians fleeing across the Turkish border.

Since then, the exodus of Syrians and Iraqis toward Europe has surged — and Europeans opposed to taking in more refugees say that more than ever, they fear "disguised terrorists" in their midst.

Governments along the route have different assessments of the threat. Two senior Iraqi officials and a Syrian activist say a small group of hardened ISIL extrem-

ists is believed to have left the war zones of Iraq and Syria to blend in with the masses of asylum seekers in recent weeks.

Intelligence officials in France and Germany expressed skepticism, saying they have no specific evidence. The Soufan Group, a security consulting firm, said Monday that some infiltration was probable but the extent of the danger was unknowable, making it "susceptible to exaggeration and exploitation."

The disarray of Europe's asylum procedures in the face of thousands of applications has heightened worries, although security experts say Europe is at far greater risk from home-

grown ISIL sympathizers with valid European travel documents and the means to plan an attack.

Leaders of countries opposed to taking in the refugees routinely cite the fear as one of their primary reasons. The concerns are fanned by lines of exhausted refugees, bedraggled families walking northward along railroad tracks, and trains carrying refugees between countries with minimal or no identity checks, straining a system already near the breaking point.

U.S. intelligence officials are worried that Europe's disorganized response will allow terrorists to circumvent checks.

"We don't obviously put it

past the likes of ISIL to infiltrate operatives among these refugees," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said Sept. 9. He said the U.S. is aggressively screening the small number of Syrian refugees it has accepted, but is not so sure every European country is using similar vigilance.

A top Iraqi intelligence official said 20 ISIL fighters from Syria and Iraq, trained and selected by senior ISIL operatives, are believed to have slipped into Europe in recent weeks to plan attacks. The chaos of the mass movement northward "is a chance that will never be repeated," he said. The official

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Marc Trevidic, until recently a top French terrorism judge, criticized a group of French mayors who said they would give priority to Christian refugees because of fears of "disguised terrorists."

"Because there is a risk that a few people among the migrants may be from (ISIL), we should do nothing? That's the

talk of those who do not want to accept migrants, but it's a little too simplistic," he said last week. "They have absolutely no need of that to send people. There are enough French, Belgians who have passports or identity cards that can return to carry out attacks."

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declined to say where the men were believed to have landed or whether they are co-ordinating with each other, but said the

Iraqi government is working with European authorities to trace them and learn their plans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLITICS

Australia's new PM sworn in

Australia's new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, was sworn into power on Tuesday and took charge of a bitterly divided government. He will carry the weight of expectations that he can lift public opinion, reform a flagging economy and steer the nation on a more moderate course on issues from climate change to gay marriage.

But charting a more centrist course is proving difficult to balance with holding together his

riven administration and its wary right wing.

Turnbull became Australia's 29th prime minister after his conservative Liberal Party colleagues voted 54-44 Monday night to replace PM Tony Abbott only two years after his election. Turnbull's elevation has reinforced a culture of disposable leaders as the new norm in Australian politics since the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister John Howard ended in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Malcolm Turnbull
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WEAPONS

N. Korea touts nuclear upgrades

With a big anniversary drawing near, North Korea declared Tuesday it has upgraded and restarted all of its atomic fuel plants — meaning it could possibly make more, and more sophisticated, nuclear weapons.

The statement, coming just a day after it said it is ready to conduct more rocket launches any time it sees fit, has heightened concerns the North may soon either conduct a launch — which Washington and its

allies see as a pretext for testing missile technology — or hold another test of nuclear weapons that it could conceivably place on such a rocket.

Either would be sure to get world attention and be milked by North Korea's state media as major achievements by Kim Jong Un and his ruling regime.

But North Korea's recent statements also fit a pattern of using claimed improvements in its nuclear and mis-

sile programs, many of which don't lead to launches or nuclear tests, to push for talks with the United States that could eventually provide the impoverished country with concessions and eased sanctions, or backfire and deepen its standoff with the U.S. and its allies.

North Korea has spent decades trying to develop operational nuclear weapons.

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At least 12 die in flash flood

UTAH-ARIZONA

Community served as home base for sect leader

A wall of water swept away two vehicles carrying women and children in a Utah-Arizona border town, killing at least 12 people with one person still missing as of Tuesday afternoon, in a community where polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs was based, authorities said.

Three people survived as the flash flooding washed the vehicles several hundred yards downstream, Hildale assistant fire chief Kevin Barlow said.

The flood "obviously caught these people off guard," Barlow told The Associated Press. "Witnesses say they were backing out of it trying to get away from it and it still swept them in."

One survivor was found downstream at a bank in town. Barlow didn't have information on the others who were rescued.

Barlow said the rescue effort was ongoing through the night but scaled back because of treacherous conditions in the sister



Members of the Mojave County search and rescue team use dogs to search for bodies after a flash flood on Tuesday.

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towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz.

The floods came after heavy rains fell in the canyons just north of the towns, sending waves of water barreling through the streets. The towns sit at the foot of picturesque red rock cliffs about 315 miles south of Salt Lake City.

The women and children were in an SUV and a van on a gravel

road north of the towns, Barlow said. It appears they were coming back from a park in the area when the flash flood hit, he said.

The National Weather Service had issued a flash flood warning earlier in the day, leading nearby Zion National Park to close all slot canyons as a precaution. Barlow said he doesn't know if residents were aware of the warning.

He said the water was well above normal flood stage. "This was several feet deep, at least, and even more treacherous in the narrow channels."

Members of the sect, whose members believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven, are believed to be discouraged from watching TV, using the Internet or having much contact with the outside world.

More than four years after Jeffs was sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting underage girls he considered brides, the community is split between loyalists who still believe Jeffs is a victim of religious persecution and defectors who are embracing government efforts to pull the town into modern society.

The community is a patchwork of upscale, elegant residences surrounded by large walls and unfinished, dilapidated houses that remain just as they were in the early 2000s, when Jeffs ordered that all construction stop in Utah to focus on building his compound in Texas.

The flooding also caused other, less serious problems. Barlow said several blocks of homes are without power and water due to the flooding.

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MARYLAND

Mother indicted in toddler's swing death

The facts are hard to fathom: a mother alone with her three-year-old son in a playground in La Plata, Md., for two days straight, pushing him in a swing until he died of dehydration and low body temperature; pushing him even after he died until finally sheriff's deputies came to investigate.

To Vontasha Simms, whose daughter Romechia Simms is now charged with manslaughter, the facts are a clear indication that Romechia Simms was suffering from mental illness so severe that a criminal prosecution is misplaced.

Vontasha Simms said she was "totally flabbergasted" by prosecutors' announcement Monday that they were charging her 24-year-old daughter with child abuse, manslaughter and child neglect.

"No one in their right mind is going to sit out there for two days in the elements," she said.

noting that her daughter was exposed to the weather and had no food or water in those two days.

The case had been under investigation since Ji'Aire Donnell Lee was found dead May 22.

State's Attorney Anthony Covington said the delay in obtaining

an indictment simply ensured he had gathered all the information he could. A medical examiner ruled the death a homicide back in June. After Monday's arraignment, Covington said he didn't know whether he might revisit the criminal charges if subsequent mental-health evaluations raise questions about Simms' sanity or competency.

Christopher Slobogin, an expert in mental health law, said prosecutors have leeway in deciding whether to bring criminal charges in cases like this. How much Simms' mental illness affects the case depends on how strong the defense's argument is that she is ill, Slobogin said.

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If she's pushing
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Torrid taps plus-size gap

CLOTHING

U.S. retailer eyeing Alberta and B.C. after Toronto foray

While some shoppers may struggle to locate garments in a specific style or colour, Ashlie Callender faces an even greater obstacle: finding clothes that will fit her curvy frame.

"Regular stores, they go up to extra-large sometimes, and that's really like a (size) 10 maybe. So if it's a stretchy material, I can get away with it," said the 24-year-old college student.

Callender joined dozens of shoppers who jammed Torrid's new location in Toronto Eaton Centre for the grand opening of its first store outside of the U.S.

Three more Torrid stores are set to open in the Toronto area this fall, joining homegrown plus-size retailers Addition Elle and Penningtons, both under the banner of Montreal-based Reitmans Canada Ltd.

The plus-size brand is al-



Lisa Harper is CEO of the American women's wear chain, which opened its first location outside the United States in Ontario earlier this month. COURTESY TORRID/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ready familiar to Canadians, who account for more than half of Torrid's international business online, said CEO Lisa Harper.

The retailer has more than 280 stores across the U.S. and ships to more than 150 coun-

You do have to pay a premium for clothes that are plus-sized.
Sandy Silva

Tuesday, CREA says sales of existing homes were little changed from July in all local markets, with an even split between those posting increases and those showing declines.

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10-year average for the month.

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Prices continued to rise in Ontario and B.C. "where listings are either in short supply or heading in that direction,"

tries. Torrid is a full-service apparel and accessories shop offering separates, denim, handbags and footwear.

Harper said the company expects to open about 10 stores in Canada in 2016, and has been eyeing British Columbia,

said CREA chief economist Gregory Klump, who noted that the month also provided "early evidence that modest price growth is re-emerging in some markets in Quebec and New Brunswick."

Klump added that enduring low interest rates continued to boost home sales and were

Calgary and Edmonton as potential expansion sites.

Torrid is seeking to help fill a sizable void in Canadian retail for full-figured consumers.

A 2013 report from the NPD Group found that plus sizes represent 32 per cent of the "special size" clothing category, which also includes tall, petite and junior.

Two-thirds of plus-size women reported shopping for larger clothes was more stressful than shopping for traditional sizes, with limited merchandise cited among the main causes.

"Coming from the wholesale side of the fashion business, you do have to pay a premium for clothes that are either plus-sized or petite," said Sandy Silva, director of fashion and beauty at the NPD Group.

Most national retailers which offer extended sizing have a "fairly basic assortment," she noted.

"They don't really have the wealth or array of fun, fashionable, sexy styles that plus-size women want as well as a regular-size woman."

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IN BRIEF

Hewlett-Packard's spinoff to cut up to 30,000 jobs

Hewlett-Packard says its upcoming spinoff of its technology divisions focused on software, consulting and data analysis will eliminate up to 30,000 jobs. The cuts announced Tuesday will be within the newly formed Hewlett Packard Enterprise, which is splitting from the personal computer and printing operation. HP Enterprises is trimming its payroll as part of an effort to reduce its expenses by \$2 billion US annually.

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Canadian home sales edged slightly higher in August: CREA

The boom in Canada's housing market continued in August with sales of existing homes edging up 0.3 per cent month over month and holding at levels not far off the five-year high reached in May, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association.

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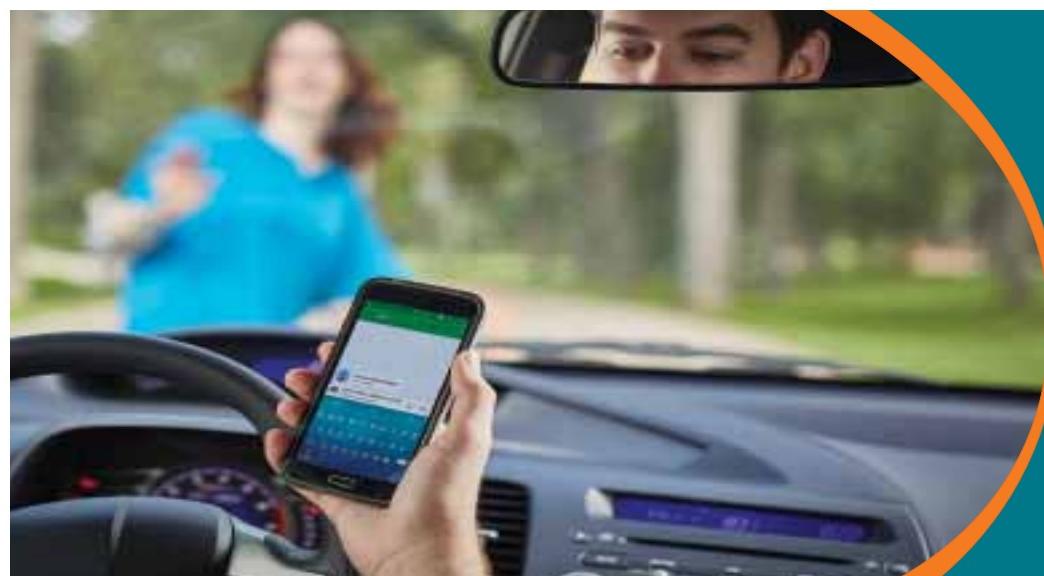
"likely to keep doing so for some time."

CREA said actual sales were up from levels in the same period last year in more than 60 per cent of all local markets, led by B.C.'s Lower Mainland region and the Greater Toronto Area, while those in Calgary continued to post the largest

year-over-year declines.

Nationally, the number of newly listed homes edged up by 0.5 per cent in August from July, led by gains in Edmonton and the GTA, while the national sales-to-new listings ratio was 56.7 per cent in August, down from 56.9 per cent in July.

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metro's election explainer

Who's the new man steering the Tory ship?

Strategist, political consultant, campaign adviser...

whatever you call it, the Conservative party has a new one: Lynton Crosby. He's a household name in political households. But what will he bring? And why did the party hire him so late in the game?

The wizard from Australia

In his home country, Crosby led the centre-right Liberal Party to victory in 1998 and 2001. His messaging targeted voters wary about the number of asylum seekers arriving on the country's shores. He's known as a master of "dog-whistle" politics: Using code words to win support from people with disreputable, but

commonplace, views, such as anti-immigration sentiments tinged with racism. Later Crosby added wins for Conservative U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron and London, U.K. Mayor Boris Johnson to his CV.

The work ahead

Paid consultants are a relative rarity in Canadian politics, says University of Waterloo political science professor Anna Esselment. Party insiders tend to fill that role, she says, but outside expertise might be called if a campaign seems to



be flagging. "I expect (Crosby) is giving a high-level assessment regarding Conservative messages, their target audiences, and how to effectively change the channel to matters that the Conservatives want to talk about," Esselment says.

Fresh blood

Why find a new captain when a campaign's already out to sea? Conservative sources told *The Canadian Press* that some in the party were frustrated with its slapdash response to the Syrian

refugee crisis. Esselment gave three possible reasons for the hire: It could be a warning to opposition that Tories are about to get aggressive, a move to gain credibility from a "legend," or a response to internal strife. (Some former top brass, such as Nigel Wright, have been tarnished by the trial of Senator Mike Duffy).

Turning the tide

Whether changing course mid-campaign will work remains to be seen, Esselment says. "The type of messages Harper delivers, and the negative advertising ... over the next couple of weeks will likely tell us whether Crosby's hand is helping to steer the ship."

The election explainer is dedicated to keeping urban Canadians informed ahead of the Oct. 19 vote. Look for it in this space throughout the campaign. Let us know what needs explaining: readers@metronews.ca

URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE



THE QUESTION

I'm in Toronto for the film festival. I'm hoping to meet some celebrities. Any advice for striking up a conversation?

starlets he was probably tired of meeting.

I also had platonic crushes on directors like David O. Russell and Jane Campion, and writers like Dave Eggers or Colm Toibin, where the fantasy was less about romance and more about how we'd mind-meld over scripts and collaborative projects that would lead to international prizes for all of us in between amazing, legendary parties.

But eventually my celebrity obsession was cured, thanks to intensive rehab that took a decade and consisted of interviewing celebrities of all ages and persuasions for various newspapers and magazines. Even though I met some truly nice (Stephen Colbert) and exquisitely polite (Conan O'Brien) celebs along the way, I do not want to meet any more: It's too disappointing. They never measure up to the brilliant characters one falls in love with onscreen. Nobody could. Those characters are a construct — of both their skillful making, and of one's own cockeyed projections.

In fact, I now go out of my way to avoid meeting even the celebrities I love, like Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo.



In my fantasies, adorable Rach and I are best friends, while sexy, rumpled, intelligent, kind, manly Mark is my next husband. But in real life, recently, both of them were shooting a scene for the movie *Spotlight* in my building. And when the location manager invited me to meet them, I declined and stayed away until they cleared out. Partly because I didn't want to be disappointed by their all-too-real selves; partly because I knew the last thing they would want to do during a long day was make polite chitchat with a stranger harbouring delusional thoughts about them.

All of which leads me to say: Go for it if you must. Haunt the red carpets and clubs and restaurants, watch Twitter for

celebrity sightings, and feel free to approach any star you can get close to.

Yes, it's a bit forward to foist yourself on someone without being introduced. But remember that part of every celebrity's job at TIFF is to deal with you, the public. And I have no doubt that you, JJ, as a faithful reader of this column, will be polite and respectful in all your encounters.

If and when you meet a star, you may or may not be disappointed. Who knows — you may get stuck in an elevator with him/her/them and end up getting married ... or whatever. In which case, please write back and let us know!

**Need advice? Email Ellen
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metroview

Millennials aren't turned off by politics. It's the voting system.



Dan
Darrah
For Metro

Youth aren't politically apathetic, says a new study, they're just not voting. For many young Canadian activists, this finding is a breath of fresh air.

A Samara Research report, released last week, looked at 18 political activities other than voting — e.g., volunteering for candidates or causes, giving political speeches, protesting, and discussing politics on social media — and found that Canadians younger than 30 participate in them at higher rates than those older than 30.

This isn't the usual narrative surrounding millennials. It's a welcome acknowledgement of the work of student groups and other youth movements.

Using the voting rate as a measure of youth engagement is like using season-ticket sales as a measure of interest in the NFL. There's a lot more to take into account.

Even among millennials who do vote, voting is often seen as one part of the overall activism package. Our votes serve to elect the government that will most optimally act as an avenue through which we can create change.

Still, the fact remains that we aren't voting as much as other age groups. One reason I've come up with is that we've simply lost faith in our first-past-the-post electoral system.

Let's imagine a prospective voter — call him Ben — who works at Whole Foods and cares deeply about the en-

vironment. Ben wants to vote for the Green party because he wants the Green candidate in his urban riding to be elected. But, because he's informed and engaged, he knows the Green candidate won't be elected. And the alternative — to vote "strategically" against his worst-case scenario — isn't likely to get him excited.

We might say to Ben what many say to millennials who have no reason to believe that their preferred candidates will be elected: "That's life, kid." But I'd argue we'd be better served by looking closely at how voting works.

Fair Vote, an organization advocating electoral reform, recorded that of the more than 14 million votes cast in the 2011 election, seven million served to elect no one (like Ben's hypothetical vote for the Greens). That means about 50 per cent of Canadian voters elected 100 per cent of the MPs.

In contrast, Fair Vote found that in New Zealand, which uses a proportional-representation system, 97 per cent of voters elected MPs.

In this context, Samara's research speaks for itself: It's not politics that turns us off — it's our winner-take-all electoral process. And saying youth are apathetic tiptoes around the fact that systemic change is needed. We don't need to be the scapegoats for institutional issues older generations have ignored. We need proof that our votes will be meaningfully represented. When that happens, the youth vote will be a lethal electoral force.

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"Margaret Atwood poured a bottle of beer over Al Purdy's head the very first time they met because he called her an academic. I mean, never a truer word was said. And then he went out and peed on her car tire."

- Brian D. Johnson, journalist and filmmaker, *Al Purdy Was Here*

More than just bagels



Montreal's abundance of dining options makes trying them all on a short trip a daunting task. Here are a few one-stop spots where you can taste an array of culinary delights KATE HOBSON/FOR METRO

First Fridays Food Truck Event ①

Every first Friday, May through October, up to 48 food trucks assemble at Olympic Park. Many of the trucks are offshoots of prominent restaurants, serving up specialties catered for take-out.

Stop at Lucky's Truck for La fameuse duck confit poutine, drenched in a rich confit sauce of red wine and foie gras; Grumman '78 for their banh-mi taco, barbecue pork topped with daikon carrot salad and a slightly sweet sauce.

Finish your day at Crémery Pâtisserie with a lemon honey crueller — the tartness of the lemon balances the sweet sugary glaze of this doughnut. (4545 Avenue Pierre-de Coubertin)



Mile End Food Tour ②

Local Montreal Tours offers a tasting trek around Mile End, a neighbourhood known for its culinary diversity. The tour starts at La Panthère Verte for a falafel filled with lightly pickled vegetables, sprouts, spices and tahini sauce in a house-made pita.

At Chocolats Geneviève Grandbois, all of the goodies are handmade with a serious commitment to the quality of the ingredients. The caramel chocolate is flavoured with a little vanilla and a sprinkle of fleur de sel.

The taste adventure includes bagels, fine tomato sauce, cured meats and artisanal ice cream.

The Mile High tour is a truly unique food adventure packed with lots of history and background information on each establishment.



Atwater Market ③

No trip to Montreal would be complete without exploring one of the city's farmers' markets. Open since 1933, Atwater Market in the Little Burgundy area is one of the oldest. Open year round, Atwater is home to a variety of vendors offering fresh local produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and specialty products.

Grab a selection of cheeses from Fromagerie Atwater, stop by Terrines & Pâtés for some game terrine like caribou blueberry or guinea fowl hazelnut.

Pick up some fresh bread and preserves and you'll be all set to enjoy a picnic along the nearby Lachine Canal. (138 Avenue Atwater)



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When in France, nosh like the locals

TRAVEL

Follow these tips for the tastiest trip

Theresa Albert

For Metro Canada



I spent my birthday in Paris!

For 15 years I have been promising my daughter I would take her to Paris. I spent the last five years saving for it, and three years planning. The city hasn't changed much since my first visit as a teen except that maybe there is more English spoken in the streets — and I have learned more about food.

In particular, I now know where and how to eat. Here are a few tips:

Take a bicycle tour from Bike About Tours (bikeabouttours.com) at the start of your trip. They will take you off the beaten path and at the end of



Theresa's raspberry bombe birthday cake from L'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon.

THERESA ALBERT/METRO

the tour they will email you a list created by the guides (who all live in Paris) of favourite places to eat and drink. Unfortunately they make us swear to not share this list, so you'll have to go yourself to find the best places.

Try to avoid bistro that are

on the corner or that say they serve "tout à l'heure." These tend to cater to tourists. The locals still eat between noon and 2 p.m. and 7 and 10 p.m.

Upon arrival order "une cafafé d'eau pour la table." Not only will it save you up to 10 bucks for bottled water, it will

signal to the server you are not a total tourist.

When you get your bread, it is to be eaten with your hands and placed on the tablecloth. Typically, there is no butter served but they will bring some if you ask.

If you are looking for the prix fixe Michelin star experience without the crazy expense, consider going for lunch. The menu is often similar but the price is half that of dinner. My actual birthday meal was at l'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon on Champs Élysées.

For 44 euros, I enjoyed four courses — a soup with a smoky clear broth consommé with oyster mushrooms and a plump shrimp and a small quenelle of caviar floating.

And for the main course, sweetbreads in a demi-glace, Chanterelle mushrooms and a side of mashed potatoes. I had cheese for dessert, but then was surprised by a raspberry bombe.

TREND

Grandma's cooking now for hire in Paris



Parisians can now have a grandma or grandpa come to their home to cook them comfort food from their youth. YOUTUBE/AFP

Parisians homesick for their grandmother's inimitable ratatouille and Sunday roast chicken can now rent out a substitute stand-in through a recently launched personal chef service that will send a 'mamie' to their kitchen to whip up an old-fashioned home-cooked meal.

After moving to Paris from the south of France, founder Alizé Delbes says she found herself homesick for her grandmother's cooking.

And despite its reputation as the gastronomic capital of the world, Delbes said she was unable to find a restaurant that could evoke the memories and nostalgia of her mamie's veal blanquette and chocolate

mousse. That led to Lou Papé, a site created to bring authentic, French dishes into the homes of local Parisians in search of comfort foods from their childhood.

The concept is simple: The host can choose from a selection of chefs and their proposed menu. After sorting out the details — date of dinner party, venue and number of guests — the chef will prep, cook and serve the meal in the host's home.

Cleanup is also included.

If language isn't a big issue, Paris-bound travellers in search of a truly authentic French meal may want to consider booking a 'Beatrice' or 'Jean-Jacques' if staying in a short-term vacation rental with a kitchen. AFP

RESEARCH

Ancient Americans used long trade route to get caffeine fix

More than 1,000 years before Starbucks, caffeine was an international market mover, with ancient civilizations trading holly and cacao-based chocolate beverages between what is now modern-day Mexico, the Southwest U.S., and the South, according to a new study.

Led by University of New Mexico anthropology professor Patricia Crown, the study says the trade lasted for around 700 years, likely driven by a pre-Hispanic caffeine addiction.

Previous studies found traces of cacao-based chocolate beverages in parts of the Southwest but this new study confirms their popularity and adds the holly drink that before the study was not known to be consumed in the Southwest, Crown said.

Holly, which was used

to make a caffeinated tea, was grown in what is now the South.

Researchers found caffeine on shards from jars, bowls, and pitchers located at archaeological sites throughout present-day New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, where neither holly nor cacao grows.

"The fact we have found traces of caffeine that are 1,000 years old is exciting," Crown said.

Crown said the caffeine likely was used in rituals and political

events. Scientists believe the drinks were largely consumed by the elite or a noble class because the plant for the drinks had to go through an intricate trade route.

"For people who had a diet consisting of corn, bean and squash, the drinks provided a kick," Crown said.

Dave DeWitt, author of The Food Lover's Handbook to the Southwest, said he was surprised to learn the study found holly was so popular in the Southwest. He believes it may have been consumed for the caffeine.

The chocolate, however, was likely popular for other reasons.

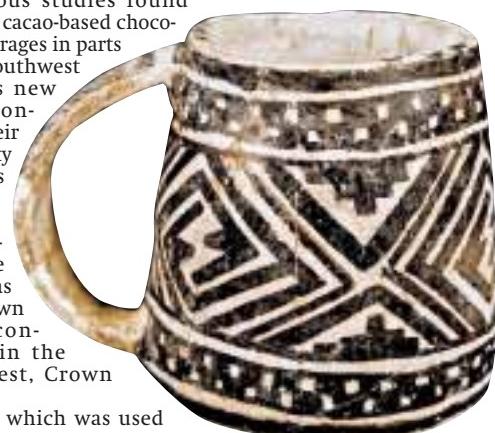
"I don't think it had to do with the caffeine since cacao has so very little of it," DeWitt said.

"It had to do with the rituals that go back to the Aztecs and the Maya," he said.

It's unclear if people in the Southwest travelled down to Mexico or if the plants were obtained through village-to-village trade routes.

The study is published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

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Fiat's throwback is a thrill



THE CHECKLIST | 2015 FIAT 500C ABARTH

THE BASICS

Type. Two-door, four-passenger subcompact convertible
Engine (hp/torque). 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder (160/170 with manual; 160/183 with automatic)

Transmissions. 5-speed manual/6-speed automatic
Price. \$29,495 (base); \$33,550 (as-tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Alpine premium audio
- High-back sport seats with optional leather
- Aluminum pedals
- Flat-bottom steering wheel with perforated leather and contrasting stitching
- Rear parking assist
- Available side stripe and contrasting mirror caps
- Dual exhaust with chrome tips



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

POINTS

- The Abarth uses the same engine as the 500 Turbo, but is tuned for more power, along with its Abarth-specific suspension and brakes.
- Hitting the "Sport" button adjusts the automatic's shift points and adds rev-matching, and also changes the digital speedometer's number to italics.
- The sport exhaust adds a unique sound that's fabulous on acceleration, but it can drone at consistent speeds.
- Premium fuel gives better performance, but the engine will run on regular.

MARKET POSITION

While enthusiasts prefer stick shifts, most buyers choose automatics. By offering both, Fiat could potentially open up this relatively low-volume model to a larger audience, especially since overall performance doesn't suffer.

THE COMPETITION



Mini Cooper S
Base price: \$25,490



Volkswagen Golf GTI
Base price: \$27,995



Ford Fiesta ST
Base price: \$24,949

REVIEW

500 Abarth offers 6-speed automatic for the first time

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada



Retro-styled cars are fun, and it's even better when they have the performance to match. That's the case when you opt for the Abarth version of Fiat's 500, especially when it's the 500C Cabrio that I tested, which gives you a sliding canvas roof for an almost-a-convertible experience.

While the Abarth previously only came with a five-speed manual transmission, the 2015 version is also available for the first time with a six-speed automatic.

Die-hard stick-shift fans may resent its inclusion, but it's a really nice unit that doesn't take anything away from the car's fun factor. Power changes slightly depending on the transmission: you get a bit more horsepower with the manual unit, but more torque — the twisting force that gets you moving off the line — with the automatic. Hit the throttle, and the 500

Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.

The steering is sports-car heavy, but the car responds quickly and accurately. My car had optional gloss-white wheels with Pirelli P-Zero summer tires, and they stick like glue when cornering. Despite its diminutive size, the car feels firmly planted on the highway, although a tighter turning circle would make it a bit easier to manoeuvre in close quarters.

The retro styling continues inside with a metal-look painted dash and chrome accents. It's very roomy up front, but while there is a rear seat, there's almost no legroom back there, and it's best for small children or adults willing to fold themselves up for a short ride.

The sliding roof moves electrically to three positions, starting with a sunroof-sized opening and finally folded down at the very back. A portion of the steel roof remains in place, since the canvas is a panel that slides inside it, and the car feels tight and rigid, with no squeaks. It

also didn't leak when I took it through a car wash.

The 500C Abarth is pricey for its size, but compared to the base Fiat, you're paying for a sportier suspension, bigger brakes, and sharp handling. It looks like it's fun, and it is.

Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.

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In the loop (the loop) at Frankfurt

AUTOPilot

Bentley gets sporty, Jaguar defies gravity at auto show

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

Off-roading Bentley

Bentley just introduced its first SUV this week at the Frankfurt auto show, and not a moment too soon.

Like a lot of people, I have been lamenting for years on why someone didn't offer a vehicle costing more than \$200,000 that could get up a dirt hill. Why were we stuck with just affordable options, like 4x4 pickups, Jeeps and other mainstream SUVs, for our dirt-hilling activities?

It just wasn't fair. Why did it always have to be so affordable to have a little bit of off-road fun? What if you needed to make a Kardashian impression on the way up that dirt hill, or

at the top? The auto industry put a group of very privileged people in a very tough spot with their behaviour over the years. Think of how challenged were those buyers, trying to option their Range Rovers or Mercedes-Benz G Wagons into a price level more akin to their perceived net worth.

So thank you Bentley, for recognizing the injustice here, and coming to the rescue of this long-suffering group of buyers, by unveiling this ultra high-end sport utility, which for some reason you're calling Bentayga (rolls off the tongue, like bad caviar).

For those interested, some pertinent info ... 600-hp, 12-cylinder engine. All-wheel drive. Very sumptuous five-seat cabin. Volkswagen owns Bentley; the Bentayga is built off of the group's MLB Evo platform currently utilized for Audi Q7 and Porsche Cayenne. Bentayga's main rival should be the forthcoming SUV from Rolls-Royce.

Loopy Jaguar
Jaguar also introduced its first SUV at Frankfurt, and did so in super dramatic fashion. British



The Jaguar F-Pace set a 360-degree loop record.

JAGUAR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Honda's Project 2&4 concept. CONTRIBUTED

stunt driver Terry Grant drove a Jaguar F-Pace in a 19.08-metre loop, similar to a Hot Wheels loop, only much bigger. The stunt set a Guinness World Record for largest ever “loop the loop.”

Jaguar F-Pace will be considerably more affordable than the Bentley Bentayga. No Canadian prices yet, but \$43,385 US will be its base price south of the border. F-Pace is rendered from the

same all-aluminum architecture as the new Jaguar XE midsized sedan, which should get here before the F-Pace.

Magic carpet Honda

Any auto show these days is sure to be filled with more self-driving technologies and Frankfurt will not be an exception, so you know Honda was saying something by creating the Project 2&4 concept and showing it off in Germany at

this juncture in the automotive history timeline.

Project 2&4 is a weird and wonderful antidote to the self-driving movement.

It's actually half car/half motorcycle, designed to combine the most engaging driving elements of both forms. It has no "cabin" at all, just a driver's cockpit suspended over the road, to grab as much driving intensity as possible. The mid-ship

mounted 215-hp V4 motorcycle engine assures a low, low centre of gravity and an outrageous power-to-weight ratio.

Project 2&4 is actually the winning entry of Honda's annual in-house Global Design Project contest, which is designed to inspire creativity, and get team members engaged and passionate about a single project, to further the concept of Team Honda. Well done, Team Honda.

Le Cercle Molière celebrating 90 years

1920s-themed lobster gala to mark occasion

To celebrate 90 years of serving up the very best in French-language theatre, Le Cercle Molière is hosting a 1920s-themed Lobster Gala on Saturday Sept. 26 at the RBC Convention Centre.

It's time to dust off the fedora and shake out the flapper-girl dress for an evening of music, entertainment and butter-dripping, mouth-watering lobster.

"Our 90th anniversary truly is a huge milestone in the arts world, let alone a small French theatre," says artistic director Geneviève Pelletier. "So by adding a fun theme (1920s) to our annual Lobster Gala to honour that milestone, we think it will also add a lot of fun to the evening."

Songstress Micheline Girardin will set the mood during cocktail hour by belting out timeless hits from that classic decade. The silent auction is not to be missed with its bounty of luxury prizes from the city's fin-

est boutiques, hottest businesses and most sought-after restaurants. A brand new piece by artist Réal Bérard will be auctioned along with the grand prize: a trip for two aboard Via Rail Canada's luxury car to the destination of the winner's choice.

Then the moment will arrive when the guests of honour — nearly 5,000 pounds of New Brunswick lobster — will make a grand entrance. The lobster will be served hot and cold until the last guest surrenders to a full stomach. While taking in the succulence, guests will reminisce as they watch a photo presentation of the past 90 years of Le Cercle Molière on the big screens.

After dinner, Winnipeg's own Dirty Catfish Brass Band will take over the stage. A DJ will complement the evening's soundtrack ensuring everyone's favourite dance track is played.

The Lobster Gala, in its 39th year, is an



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annual fundraiser for Le Cercle Molière, a small not-for-profit group with the goal of promoting theatre and the art of expression en français. Each year they put on four main stage productions, one youth play, a special presentation play, plus other special

programming like a youth theatre competition which attracts nearly 700 participants. The home of Le Cercle Molière is a dedicated, 125-seat theatre in Old Saint-Boniface at 340 Provencher Blvd., which opened in 2010.

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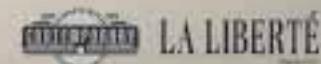
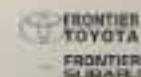
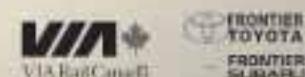
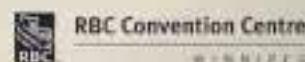
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Blind lineman's first practice at USC a snap

FOOTBALL

Centre lost his sight at 12; on scholarship at university

Jake Olson completely lost his vision six years ago. He still has his sights set on playing football at Southern California.

The blind long-snapper is one step closer to the Coliseum after practising with the Trojans on Tuesday.

Olson impressed his teammates during his first official practice at USC, where the freshman is on a special scholarship for physically challenged athletes. Eligibility issues had kept him out of uniform this fall until he joined the sixth-ranked Trojans for a rainy morning workout.

"I'm proud of the work that he put in," USC coach Steve Sarkisian said. "It's a real credit to a lot of people to get this done."

Wearing a No. 17 yellow non-contact jersey, Olson spent the morning working with the Trojans' special-teamers, includ-

ing starting long-snapper Zach Smith. Although Olson wasn't made available to the media, he expressed his excitement to USC's official website.

"It was a surreal feeling," Olson told the website. "I'm excited to help this team in any way I can and be a great teammate. I love this team and I always have, and now it feels great to be a part of it."

Olson was the long-snapper on field goal attempts for his high school team in Orange, Calif. He gets help from teammates to line up properly, putting his hand on the shoulder of

the player next to him as they walk to the line, but takes care of the rest himself.

"He just said it was awesome to wear the Trojan helmet," said Reid Budrovich, a USC punter who played against Olson in high

school. "They were great snaps today. He is definitely not out of shape right now. He is right in his prime.... I think it's really inspirational for the team, just seeing him out here. It's lifting spirits and bringing us together."

Olson is a lifelong Trojans fan who has been around the program since Pete Carroll was

He doesn't really want to be treated any differently, and that's what I appreciate about Jake.

USC coach Steve Sarkisian



Jake Olson, right, lost his left eye to a form of retinal cancer at 10 months old. His right eye was removed when he was 12. JOHN MCGILLEN/USCTROJANS.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the coach in 2009, the same year Olson completely lost his sight.

He lost his left eye to a rare form of retinal cancer at 10 months old. His right eye was removed when he was 12 years old after numerous attempts to save it. He asked to watch the Trojans' practice on the night before his surgery.

"He doesn't use an excuse," quarterback Cody Kessler said.

Sarkisian has repeatedly said

"He doesn't say anything. He doesn't use it as a crutch or anything. We don't see that at all. We don't think anything different about him. He's the same as all of us. He puts his pads on the same way. He works out the same way. He comes out here and practises just as hard as anyone else. It's just an awesome feeling."

he expects Olson to snap in a game for the Trojans one day, although it isn't imminent. The freshman is simply grateful to keep learning and supporting his teammates until he gets a shot.

Olson made a post on his Twitter account later Tuesday: "First practice was so much fun! Love this team! Thanks to everyone!"

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MLB

Strasburg twirls one-hit gem as Nationals shut out Phillies

Stephen Strasburg gave up one hit and tied a career-best with 14 strikeouts in eight dominant innings, Bryce Harper hit two homers and the Washington Nationals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-0 on Tuesday night.

Strasburg (9-7) allowed only a single to Cody Asche leading off the bottom of the fifth — a hard grounder to right field. He has 27 strikeouts in his last two starts.

The hard-throwing righty struck out the side twice and

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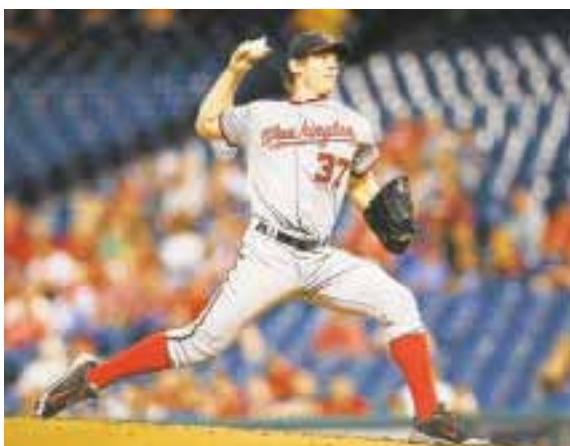
fanned eight of the last 12 batters he faced. He was still firing 96 m.p.h. fastballs in the eighth. Blake Treinen tossed a 1-2-3 ninth to complete the shutout.

The Nationals have won three straight, but it's seems too late

to catch the NL East-leading New York Mets.

Strasburg struck out 14 one other time — in his major-league debut against Pittsburgh on June 8, 2010. He had 13 in 7-1/3 innings in a loss to the Mets last Wednesday.

This was his longest outing since he went eight innings in a win over Arizona on Aug. 19, 2014. Strasburg has one complete game and shutout in his career. It was against the Phillies on Aug. 11, 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Stephen Strasburg has 27 strikeouts in his last two starts.

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IN BRIEF

Blue Bombers acquire negotiation list rights to QB

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers acquired the negotiation list rights to quarterback Tajh Boyd from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Tuesday in exchange for a conditional pick in the 2017 CFL draft.

The six-foot, 225-pound pivot spent four seasons at Clemson and led the Tigers to an Orange Bowl victory in his senior year. He has been added to the Blue Bombers' practice roster.

Boyd was selected in the sixth round of the 2014 NFL draft by the New York Jets. He signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers last March but was released last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gagne's playing days over

Simon Gagne announced his retirement Tuesday after playing 14 NHL seasons, winning the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings and capturing a gold medal with Canada at the 2002 Olympics.

Gagne, whose time in the league was plagued by injuries, still put up 291 goals and 310 assists in 822 career regular-season games for the Philadelphia Flyers, Kings, Tampa Bay Lightning and Boston Bruins.

The left-winger was a major contributor to the Flyers' run to the 2010 Cup final, scoring two game-winning goals as Philadelphia erased a 3-0 series deficit to beat the Bruins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Adidas replaces Reebok as NHL's jersey supplier

Adidas will take over production of NHL uniforms beginning in the 2017-18 season, and it's unclear just how many changes will come as a result. The NHL announced a seven-year deal with Adidas to be its on-ice uniform supplier and also to serve as outfitter for next year's World Cup of Hockey. Commissioner Gary Bettman shot down speculation about the announcement opening the door for advertisements on jerseys and said he didn't think they would go through a major redesign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Thai Chicken and Sugar Snap Pea Stir-Fry



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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

Sauce
 • 1/4 cup brown sugar
 • 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
 • 2 Tbsp light soy sauce
 • 1 Tbsp grated ginger root
 • 1 Tbsp chopped garlic
 • 2 tsp sesame oil

• 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
 • 2 Tbsp cornstarch
 • 2 tsp oil
 • 2 cups sugar snap peas, sliced in half
 • 2 tsp black and white sesame seeds

Directions

1. Sauce: Combine sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and sesame oil. Set aside.
2. Dust chicken with cornstarch. In a large skillet, add oil and sauté chicken just until cooked through to about 160 F for about 10 minutes. Cut into one-inch pieces.
3. Wipe out skillet, spray with vegetable oil and sauté snap peas just until bright green and still crisp about two minutes. Add dressing and chicken and stir fry just until sauce slightly thickens. Place in serving dish and garnish with sesame seeds.

Nutrition per serving

• Calories 320
 • Protein 32 g
 • Carbohydrates 27 g
 • Fibre 4 g
 • Total fat 9 g
 • Saturated fat 2 g
 • Cholesterol 115 mg
 • Sodium 570 mg
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 10. Marianas island
 14. Sidestep
 15. Roof's overhang
 16. Formerly
 17. R.U.R. playwright Mr. Capek
 18. Star Wars furry fellow
 20. Major airline in The States
 22. Embellish
 23. Chill
 25. 'Garlic' in Gaspe
 26. Fall from grace
 28. Away
 29. Romantic setting for two in a quaint restaurant: 2 wds.
 33. Bay window
 34. __ prosequi (Not proceeding, in law)
 35. Sort of tide
 36. Transferred image, such as a non-permanent tattoo
 38. Alphabet sequence
 42. City of canals in Japan
 44. Three member groups
 45. After supper chore: 2 wds.
 49. Jack, to Ozzy
 50. Previous
 51. Nonverbally agree
 52. Names like Larry's character on "Dallas"
 53. Industrial city in Germany
 55. Sporty cloth-
 ing fabric
 57. To that matter, archaically
 61. Oars-wielding one
 64. The Yukon, e.g.
 65. Dracula's one-of-two
 66. Arm bones
 67. Bits of food
 68. Aware/privy: 2 wds.
 69. Orange flavours
 70. Currency in Albania
 71. Little __ ('60s songstress)
 73. Evergreen shrub with large white blossoms
 74. Notion, in Montreal
 75. __-__ book (Revealing celebrity read)
 76. Remember
 77. Derisive shout!
 78. Portage in Win-
 nipeg, e.g.
 79. Hot off the press
 80. Prod
 81. Not hip
 82. Grow, as bank interest
 83. Intended
 84. Commonplace
 85. Affiliation
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- symbol
 24. Attention
 26. Ancient portico
 27. __ cost you!"
 30. Terminus
 31. Machu Picchu inhabitant
 32. Oft-quoted baseball legend Yogi
 36. Willy Wonka's creator Roald
 37. Laboriously got by
 39. Nickname for Newfoundland's capital that has a unique spelling: 2 wds.
 40. Roadie's gig
 41. Mail org. in The States
 43. Elegant biscuit
 44. 2016 U.S. Presidential candidate born in Canada in 1970: 2 wds.
 45. __ salt (Seasoning sort)
 46. Shopping sales magazine added to a newspaper
 47. Iconic train symbol created by Toronto-born graphic designer Allan Fleming (b.1929 - d.1977): acr. + wd.
 48. Moviedom's Myrna
 49. Brief but heated squabble
 54. Goes astray
 56. Character's function
 58. Spaceship sort, shortly
 59. Grandma
 60. Mtn. blaster
 62. Dine
 63. Web feed syst. for updates

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Aries March 21 - April 20

Your ideas may be amazing but unless you find practical ways of applying them to your everyday affairs they won't do you much good. All you need is one simple idea that can be consistently applied — then you'll find fame and fortune.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Something you begin over the next few days could change your life in remarkable ways, so stop dithering and start living the dream.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Not everything will go the way you want but things that work out right will far outnumber those that don't. A dispute can now easily be resolved — if you are willing to say sorry first.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Because recent months have been hectic for you there were a number of things you wanted to do but never quite got round to. Now you can begin to move in a more agreeable direction. Focus only on what brings a smile to your face.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

The successes and triumphs of late could still easily be reversed, so don't start thinking you no longer need to make an effort. Don't slow down just before the final chapter.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Before the Sun leaves your sign on the 23rd there will be one or two more surprises. Make the most of your opportunities.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Get your head around what you need to change to make your life more complete. Be practical — don't let idle daydreams lead you astray.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Are you delighted with what you have achieved? Or are you saddened because you wasted so many opportunities? Either way, do not get worked up about it. You will always get another chance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The way you react to problems is important today. If you criticize others too harshly then you must expect to make yourself unpopular — and most likely make matters worse. Strive to see the good in everyone.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Open your eyes to new possibilities. Too often in the past you have been content to let life come to you, but now you must push yourself forward at every opportunity. Success comes to those who dare.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Over the next few days you should take any and every opportunity to rest, recuperate and recharge. When the Sun changes signs on the 23rd it will be all go again so save yourself for then.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Your brain will be buzzing with big ideas. But are they practical ideas? For best results you should limit yourself to one or two objectives.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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